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I have been raising cattle since the mid-1970's. Since that time I have strived to produce high quality beef that would meet the consumers needs. As a producer for Laura's Lean Beef I meet and exceed strict standards for raising cattle without antibiotics and growth hormones as dictated by the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The proposed regulations would allow commodity beef to be labeled and marketed in the same fashion without being held to the same exacting specifications as mine. To advertise residue testing is deceptive and will surely confuse the consumer. Consumers deserve labeling that is clear and meaningful. If USDA weakens the rules, a large flood "no residue" labels will reach unsuspecting consumers who believe, mistakenly that they are buying meat from cattle that are raised without antibiotics and growth hormones. This doesn't serve consumers and would hurt many producers, such as myself who are willing to commit to the rigorous program that Laura's insists on in order to obtain USDA approval for its production claims. Therefore I believe this proposed regulation should be changed.

Thanks for your time,

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